

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application claims 2-8, of which claim 5 is independent. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or waiver of its subject matter. Claim 8 is newly added.

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the above application is respectfully sought.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claim 5 recites patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and to address the objections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, discussed below. As the Examiner will appreciate, claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form. In so doing, Applicants submit that they have incorporated the salient features of claim 5 pursuant to which claim 5 was found to recite patentable subject matter. As the Examiner will also appreciate, Applicants have not incorporated that feature of the structure of the second position being lower or higher than the first position, as previously set forth in claim 5. It is submitted that this feature is not essential to the claimed invention or the patentability thereof.

The remaining claims in the above application depend from claim 5 and are believed patentable for the reasons noted above with respect to claim 5.

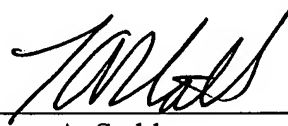
Lastly, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants' regard as their invention. Applicants have carefully reviewed all the claims and have amended those claims in manner believed to address each of these grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections under 35

U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, have been addressed and should now be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application has now been placed in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue are respectfully sought.

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Respectfully submitted,

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